

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"
Russ Guiney, Director

October 05, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012 **ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#27 OCTOBER 5, 2010

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CHARLES WHITE PARK PLANNING PROJECT (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept \$190,000 in grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Charles White Park Planning Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find the proposed project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the project involves research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a major disturbance to an environmental resource.
- 2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as an agent of the County, to accept the grant funds, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, the project agreement, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) received an Economic Development Initiative Special Project Planning grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$190,000 for the Charles White Park Planning

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project. Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department to accept these grant funds.

The project will consist of a feasibility study for refurbishments and general improvements at Charles White Park located at 77 Mountain View Street in Altadena, California. The grant will facilitate the identification of community needs and the most feasible recreational features and other improvements for the facility.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), by maximizing the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support customer-oriented and efficient public services; Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), by enriching lives through integrated, cost-effective and client-centered supportive services; and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by delivering customer oriented municipal services to the County's diverse communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended action will have no impact on net County cost. The project is fully funded with United States Housing and Urban Development funds in the amount of \$190,000.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Grant Agreement between the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department was made pursuant to the authority of Public Law 111-8 (Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2009) and a listing of certain specific Economic Development Initiative Special Projects specified in the Committee Print of the Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives, March 2009.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Board Letter as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 6 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a major disturbance to an environmental resource.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended action will have no impact on any current services or projects at Charles White Park.

CONCLUSION

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Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Officer

County Counsel

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors